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C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 3230

HONG KONG FOR RSO

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, ASEC, PK, US
SUBJECT: BOMB ATTACK AT CONSULATE IN LAHORE

REF: LAHORE 047 (NOTAL)

1. AT NOON 3 APRIL, AMBASSADOR INFORMED ACTING FONMIN SHAHNAWAZ OF "HANDGRENADE" THROWN OVER LAHORE CONGEN WALL AT 0100 3 APRIL AND OF SURMISE OF LAHORE DEPUTY INSPECTOR OF POICE THAT DOMESTIC POLITICAL ELEMENTS RATHER THAN PALISTINIANS MIGHT BE INVOLVED (REFTEL). AMB REMINED SHAHNAWAZ OF RESPONSIBILITY OF GOP FOR SECURITY OF AMERICANS AND AMERICAN INSTALLATIONS, ASKED THAT INVESTIGATION BE PUSHED VIGOROUSLY TO FIND PERPETRATOR, AND REQUESTED THAT GOP TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTIONS TO ENSURE
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SECURITY OF US PERSONS AND PREMISES. SHAHNAWAZ SAID HE WOULD DO ALL THOSE THINGS. HE TOLD AMB SUBSEQUENTLY THAT CMLA GEN. ZIA HAD BEEN INFORMED AND HAD ORDERED VIGOROUS INVESTIGATION AND INCREASED SECURITY MEASURES.

2. WE WILL FOLLOW UP ON POLICE INVESTIGATIONS AND WILL RE-EVALUATE SECURITY MEASURYS. CONSUL GENERAL AND ICA

LAHORE REPORT SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN POLICE PROTECTION
HAS ALREADY OCCURRED AT CONGEN AND AMERICAN CENTER THIS
MORNING.

3. WE SPECULATE THAT THERE IS NO WAY TO KNOW WHETHER
PRO-BHUTTO EXTREMISTS OR ANTI-BHUTTO ELEMENTS MAY BE
INVOLVED. LAST SPRING SOME OF LATTER GROUP WERE AS
VIOLENT AS ANY PRO-BHUTTO SUPPORTERS. FACT THAT GRENADE
(IF THAT IS WHAT IT WAS) WAS THROWN IN FRONT OF OFFICE
BUILDING, INSTEAD OF MORE ISOLATED AND EASILY-REACHABLE
RESIDENCES, INDICATES LACK OF INTENTION TO INJURE AMERICANS;
PURPOSE LIKELY TO GAIN PUBLICITY. WE HAVE HAD NO PHONE
CALLS OR MAIL CLAIMING OR ALLEGING RESPONSIBILITY.
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